

December 28, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Beaver Creek Telephone Company  
WC Docket No. 05-336  
DA 05-3232

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) submits these brief comments in support of Federal Communications Commission approval of the transfer of control of Beaver Creek Telephone Company ("BCTC") from Joel Eisenberg to Marilyn May, Deborah Bott, Suzanne Wilson, Pamela Smith and Catherine Hendrickson.

A handful of small and remote communities in Washington State still have no local wireline service and no dependable wireless service available to their residents. Providing basic service to these unserved communities has been a longstanding goal of regulators and policy makers in Washington.

BCTC is a Washington corporation established in 1999. It intends to provide basic telecommunication service to approximately 100 residents of the currently unserved Washington communities of Silverton and Hobart. The transferees have committed to making the necessary investment to complete promptly the construction of the local exchange network in these communities. The WUTC believes that the proposed transfer of control will increase the likelihood that those communities will have access to reliable local service in the very near future. For this reason, the WUTC agrees with the applicants that the transfer will serve the public interest.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

David W. Danner  
Executive Director